



The James R. Ryan Memorial Award

The **James R. Ryan Memorial Award** is a recognition given annually by the **Wisconsin Alliance for Infant Mental Health** (WI-AIMH) to an individual or group that has made a significant contribution to the social-emotional development of infants and/or young children and their families within a Wisconsin community, thus demonstrating a commitment to the mission and vision of WI-AIMH:

Vision:

- For every infant and young child in Wisconsin to have his or her social and emotional developmental needs met within the context of their family, community, and culture.

Mission:

- Increase knowledge on how to foster the healthy social and emotional development of infants and young children.
- Promote collaboration among parents, agencies, and systems that touch the lives of infants and young children.
- Influence public policy at the local, state, and national levels that supports the healthy social and emotional development of infants, young children, and their families.

Jim Ryan, a founder and leader of WI-AIMH, was tireless in his efforts to improve the lives of individuals and groups in his local community and state. His passion to make life better for all children was evident in his lifetime efforts to collaborate with others in the political, service, and advocacy arenas. He was notable in his commitment, dedication, and service to improve the lives and social and emotional development of all children and especially those with special needs. The **James R. Ryan Memorial Award** is established to honor his contribution to the achievement of the mission and vision of WI-AIMH.

This award will be given at the Wisconsin Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health Conference, **Early Relationships Matter: Building Networks**, on June 19, 2008 at an evening reception. Letters of nomination for the award must include the following:

- Nominee's name, position/title, employer and contact information (address, phone, e-mail).
- Identification of the accomplishment on which the nomination for the 2008 Jim Ryan Memorial Award is based (maximum of two double-spaced pages).
- Professional/Community memberships and positions if known (past and current).
- Honors received (professional, academic, community, etc.).
- Name and contact information of individual submitting the nomination.

Nominations must be submitted by May 23, 2008 by e-mail, fax, or postal mail to:

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